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Darius Staniulis, head of the MFA's Human Rights and NGOs division, told us on June 17 that he was pleased that U.S.-EU cooperation was able to produce the Prisoners of Conscience Declaration. He added that he was pleased to see the USG continue its focus on human rights, especially in the context of the USG's disengagement from the UNHRC (ref B). He thanked us for the copy of the press release but noted it was unlikely the GOL would issue one of its own. He added, though, that he would discuss that suggestion with his colleagues in the MFA and in New York.

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